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casual way that THE TRANSCR
had joined the *News* as a defen
of Mr. Emerson. We absolute
deny the assertion. Mr. Eme
son needs no defender. He is
not even accussed of anything
True, the *Every Evening* has said
that he is an Addicks man, and
therefore he is an Addicks man,
no defense can nor will be offered
to such a charge. The only thing
that we tried to do was to get
Every Evening to square itself
with its own readers by printing
the truth. It would not do it.
We did not expect them to do it.
It has admitted after being driven
into a corner by quoting its own
columns against it, that Mr. Em-
erson was not nominated by the
Union Republicans first; but be-
cause the man who made up the
Union Republican ticket for use
t their Primary Election did not
mply with the law, and print
e names upon that ticket in al-
abetical order, that as a natural
sequence, Mr. Emerson was
is an Addicks man. Such
nonsense was never before
empted to be used to deceive a
ly intelligent community.
Every Evening desired to be
which every reader of that
r knows it does not, it would
full and complete informa-
d not such trash as it has
erving up. As a matter of
we said last week, the en-
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possibly the ones whose names
are presented to the Court on in-
formation will have to stand the
penalty.

THE POPULAR VOTE

A canvass of the popular vote of the late presidential election has been made by the New York Times, only four counties in the whole country being incomplete. In this it appears that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,169. He polled the largest vote ever given for a President of the United States, 7,640,560. This is more th n 409,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900.

A comparison with the popular vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs, the candidate of the party that year, was also the candidate this year, and his vote shows an increase of more than 300,000. Watson the Populist candidate, n strongest in his own State, orgia, where he received 22,635 s. He received most of his in the South and West.

vote is given as 13,534,119, t for each of the Presiden- idates is given as follows; (Rep.), 7,640,560; Par- 5,094,391; Debs (So- 857; Swallow (Pro.), son (Pop.), 124,382; (Socialist-Labor),

vote will be 336 0 for Parker. kable thing is that the Parker who at his back e country d 1,263,- given to

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, In response to intelligent de mand the General Assembly, at its last session, passed an Act entitled "An Act Limiting Judgment Liens upon Real Estate in Kent and Sussex Counties, and for ther purposes," being Chapter 457, Volume 22, Laws of Delaware; and

Whereas, Serious and urgent representations have been made to me by the Chancellor of the State, by the resident Judges and by the members of the Bar of the Counties of Kent and Sussex with practical unanimity, and by many other intelligent citizens, that while the general purpose of the Act afore-aid will tend to the public good, yet nevertheless certain numerous judgment creditors will be unjustly subjected to grave loss by the operations therof, owing to their failure to comply therewith, not contumaciously, nor even heedlessly, but through ignorance of the Law alone; and

Whereas, This loss to the people can be averted only by extending the time in which the Act aforesaid shall go into operation; and

Whereas, The time fixed in said Act for a continuance of liens upon real estate precludes the possibility of any legislative action in referen e thereto without a Special Session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, This public relief can be had by a special Session of the Legislature, not exceeding a few hours in length; and at an expense extremely inconsiderable, in view of the good to be attained;

Now, therefore I, John Hunn, Governor of the State of Delaware, being impelled by a sense of public duty, and considering that since the adjournment of the last Legislature such an extraordinary occasion has arisen as is contemplated by the Sixteenth Section of the Third Article of the Constitution aforesaid b; this, my Proclamation order and direct that the General Assembly of the said State of Delaware do convene at Dover, in the State House on Thursday the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, at the hour of ten o'clock, for the purpose of extending the time in which the provisions of the Act to which I have alluded shall go into effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 16th day of December, (Seal) in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty ninth.

By the Governor JOHN HUNN.
CALEB R. LAYTON
Secretary of State.

STATE FINANCES

Dr. George W. Marshall, insurance commissioner for Delaware, has just completed a summary of reports of state banks, savings institutions and trust companies doing business in this State. The reports are of the condition of these corporations at the close of business on November 30th, 1904. The summary is as follows:

Cash on hand and due from other banks, etc.:

State banks	$ 521,200 44	
Savings banks	157,098 73	
Trust Co.'s	856,666 74	
		$ 1,553,055 91
Investments:		
State banks	$ 1,463,089 11	
[illegible]	8,012,913 39	
[illegible]	4,145,128 44	
		$13,621,130 94
[illegible]	$ 1,068,007 57	
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		$3,683,959 78
Miscellaneous Resources:		
State banks. None.		
Savings banks	$ 86,522 69	
Trust Co.'s	53,073 27	
		$ 139,595 96
Total Resources:		
State banks	$ 3,052,387 12	
Savings banks	8,421,990 88	
Trust Co.'s	7,523,364 59	
Aggregate resources		$18,997,742 59
Capital:		
State banks	$ 500,000 00	
Savings banks. None.		
Trust Co.'s	1,557,780 00	
		$ 2,057,780 00
Surplus and undivided profits:		
State banks	$ 575,468 53	
Savings banks	995,852 71	
Trust Co.'s	1,012,534 96	
		$ 2,583,856 20
Deposits:		
State banks	$ 1,757,113 57	
Savings banks	7,226,210 38	
Trust Co.'s	4,906,627 75	
		$13,889,951 70
Due other banks and bankers, etc.:		
State banks	$ 219,805 02	
Savings banks. None.		
Trusts Co.'s	20,809 13	
		$ 240,614 15
Miscellaneous Liabilities:		
State banks. None.		
Savings banks	$ 199,927 79	
Trust Co.'s	25,612 75	
		$ 225,540 54
Total Liabilities:		
State banks	$ 3,052,387 12	
Savings banks	8,421,990 88	
Trust Co's	7,523,364 59	
Aggregate Liabilities		$18,997,742 59

From December 31st, 1903, to November 30th, 1904, there was an increase of $224,730.00 in the capital invested in stock of Delaware Trust Co.'s; an increase of $246,506.90 in surplus and undivided profits of Delaware banking institutions; and an increase of $1,216,271.05 in the amount of deposits in such institutions divided as follows: State banks, $442,793.35; savings institutions, $462,962.16, and Trust Co.'s, $310,515.54. The increase in aggregate resources of all Delaware banking institutions, others than National Banks, was $1,570,634.24.

GOOD ROADS MEETING A FAILURE

DOVER, Dec. 22d.—The Good Roads meeting, under the supervision of the State Highway Commission, which was scheduled to be held in the Levy Court room yesterday afternoon, proved a failure. State Chairman C. J. Corrigan, with W. H. Harrington, the member from Kent county, were present, but owing to the failure of the farmers and others, naturally interested, the meeting was declared off. Since the statement of State Chairman Corrigan at the recent [illegible] of the Agriculture Conferen[illegible] $60,000 had been spent [illegible]nty for building [illegible] farmers and tax- [illegible] have become so [illegible]ent law regard- [illegible] the highways [illegible] taken at the [illegible]ature to have

SPECIAL ELECTION

Clerk of the Peace Quigley has had prepared the ballots for use at the special election for Representative in St. Georges hundred on Tuesday next. The ballots contain only the names of Jacob H. Emerson, under the Republican ticket, and Franklin J. Penington, under the Democratic ticket.

There is now some question as to how the vote to be cast at the special election on Tuesday shall be canvassed. It has not been determined whether the ballot box shall be delivered to Prothonotary Speakman, in order that the vote may be canvassed by Chief Justice Lore and Resident Judge Spruance, or whether the ballot box and certificates shall be forwarded to the Legislature and the canvass be made by that body.

The law on this point is not clear, and the question will have to be decided before election day, in order that the inspectors may know to whom they are required to return the certificates and the ballot box. A conference of attorney's representing the Republican and Democratic parties with the judges probably will be held to clear up this question.

At regular elections the ballot boxes must be forwarded to the Prothonotary.

SPECIAL JURORS DRAWN

The following are the jurors drawn Wednesday morning to the special cases in January 4th, 1905, in Superior Court—

Wilmington—Edgar A. Finley, William H. Morris, John P. Doughten.

Brandywine — Thomas T. Weldin, Charles E. Guest.

Christiana—Edmund Woodward, William J. Armstrong, Harry E. Gregg, and Howard G. Ely.

Mill Creek—Enos Hoopes, George W. Shakespeare and Eli Davis.

White Clay Creek—James Crossan, Abram S. Burnley.

New Castle—Joseph H. King, Jr., and James M. Hurst.

Pencader—David McMullen.

Red Lion—J. Frank Reybold and William H. H. Clark.

St. Georges—Boyd R. Cleaver and T. Cowgill Alston.

Appoquinimink—Alonzo S. Whittock.

Blackbird—James Webster and Charles Berth.

DELAWARE RIVER MUST BE DEEPENED

Congressman Houston and Congressman-elect Burton are still determined that Delaware shall receive her full share for the improvements of her waterways. The Delaware and Chesapeake Canal and the Assowaman Canal are two of the waterways which must be considered. Pennsylvania Congressmen and Senators will join with the Delaware Senator and Congressmen for the deepening of the Delaware river channel. League Island docks have been recommended to be deepened and harbor entrances must also be widened and deepened. A greater navy is needed and the battleships have a heavier draught than formerly. Consequently the Delaware river channel must be deepened to accommodate the vessels.

WARWICK

C. R. Manlove was a caller in town on Saturday.

A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

James S. Merritt, Jr., of Golt, spent Thursday in town.

The skating has been par excellent during the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Wilson spent Saturday in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Louis P. King and son, Samuel were visitors at Cecilton last Sunday.

Prof. Guy Johnson was the guest of Elkton friends last Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Day was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. R. M. Day, on Saturday last.

Messrs. C. C. Price and John H. M. Garner were visitors in Middletown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt were the guests of Mrs. Arabella Piser near town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, are visiting Maryland and Delaware relatvies.

Early mass at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church next Sunday morning, Rev. Father Charles A. Crowley, pastor.

All members are requested to be present at the P. O. S. of A., camp room next Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Sleighs cannot be purchased in or around town at any price. Our oldest residents do not know when sleighs were in such demand.

While hog meat is extremely low in price turkeys are still holding their own. They are something like eggs when compared with price.

Sunday School to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock; preaching by the pastor, Rev. Frank S. Cain, at 10.30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The Misses Manlove, of near Middletown, entertained Misses Emma and Eythel Vineyard and Miss Minnie Smith, of this town, on Sunday last.

The children of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society are rehearsing nightly for their entertainment which will take place in the M. P. Church, Wednesday evening, December 28th.

Mr. A. D. Short who has tenanted the Morten farm about two miles west of town for the past several years, sold at public sale last Monday his personal property to the highest bidder. Mr. Short has rented a smaller farm in Delaware and will move there the first of the year. His many friends here regret to see him leave.

As George Smith was enroute to Middletown last Saturday with a load of grain he was suddenly taken with vertigo and fell from the wagon. His face struck the wheels which cut it considerably and he was unconscious when removed to the home of Mr. Jack Cochran. It was feared that the wagon passed over his breast. Dr. Perason of Middletown, was summoned and after an examination he was removed to his home near town. At this writing the young man seems to be getting along very nicely.

Extra Session Called For December 29

Governor Hunn has issued a proclamation for an extraordinary session of the legislature on December 29th to amend the judgement lien law for Kent and Sussex counties. The governor's proclamation sets forth that the session is called in re- [illegible] repre-

M. Banning
East Main St. Market

We have a fine line of
Foreign and Domestic Fruits
Everything needed for
Mince Meat and Fruit Cake
Large assortment of
Cakes, Crackers and Cereals
Also the best make of
Fruit and Pound Cake
Full line of canned goods such as
Vegetables, Fruits, Meats and Pickles

Fresh Sausage, Scrapple and Mince Meat. Fine and coarse Salts of all kinds. Have you tried our fine Coffees and Teas. Come and see our new Xmas Candy, Nuts, White Grapes Raisins, Etc. : : : : :

HEADQUARTERS FOR
CHRISTMAS TOYS
CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE...

WE TAKE PLEASURE in letting you know we have a large and fine selection of Toys for the little ones. You have bought from us, but your friends have not. We would be pleased to have you and them call and see our goods before buying elsewhere. We have a very pretty line of

TREE TRIMMINGS, TROLLEY CARS, EXPRESS WAGONS, MECHANICAL TOYS, TOYS, DOLLS, SLEDS, CHESTS, STEAMBOATS, GO-CARTS, PING-PONG, GAMES of every kind, ENGINES, DISHES, CROKINOLE, BANKS, Etc.

You will not find a more complete line of Toys in Middletown than we have.

CANDIES, ORANGES, ICE CREAM AND OYSTERS

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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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OPPOSITE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK

I HAVE THE LARGEST, FRESHEST and CHEAPEST LINE OF Confections TO BE FOUND IN MIDDLETOWN
LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES
IN LARGE QUANTITIES
Large Assortment of Fine Chocolates at 25 Cents. These Candies cannot be bought in this town at this low figure.
Mixtures from 10c to 40c per lb.
TOYS, NUTS AND FIGS
Fruit Cake,
Pound Cake,
Lady Cake,
Mixed Cakes.
FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES, DOUGHNUTS DAILY
PAUL WEBER'S BAKERY
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

BURSTAN'S

This store is ready with the greatest stock of Holiday and staple merchandise in its History. We offer these up-to-date goods at prices lower than like qualities can be purchased from any store in this vicinity.

NOBBY HOLIDAY SUITS for the Men as well as for Young Men. Our suits are bound to please and the prices will clinch the bargain.

SHOES that fit the feet like a glove. We guarantee the wear, the style you like, the best is here for your inspection and approval.

LADIE'S STYLISH COATS that were made for wear and warmth. In the latest shades of tan, navy blue and ermine effects. If we please you in a coat our prices are bound to please.

LADIES' SKIRTS that please the eye and fit the wearer. We have in display here all the latest novelty effects in Skirts. Let us fit you and the prices will fit your purse.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS in abundance prices varrying to suit the quality. Children's Holiday attire and necessities for the home are here at prices that will suit. Give us a call and we will try to please you.

Burstan's Corner Store
Cor. Broad and Main Sts.
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF
St. Georges Hundred!

All Taxes for 1903 must be paid by the close of this month. After January 1st next all such bills remaining unpaid will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection by process of law. It is to be hoped that all delinquents will make an effort to avoid this unnecessary trouble and expense by paying up 1903 taxes this month. Delinquents on taxes may rest assured this order will be enforced and each claim pushed to collection as it is reached on the list.

AT THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, SOUTH BROAD STREET, EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON DURING THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER
5 per cent. will be added on all Taxes not paid by December 31st.

H. W. PHARO,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

THE TRANSCRIPT, $1.

Established 1846
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Pianos and Organs
Sold Everywhere
For terms and particulars address the representative of our factories.
JOHN H. CANNING,
1310 Walnut St.,
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Attractive and Warm
Overcoats For Men
Reasonably Priced

This is great winter weather. The man who wants to buffet it successfully ought to wear an Oak Hall overcoat.

The difference in price between an all wool overcoat and one that isn't is trivial indeed when you think of the added protection it brings. Oak Hall overcoats are absolutely all wool, and high grade at that.

All wool overcoats of black frieze, warmly lined, $8.50.

All wool overcoats of black or oxford frieze, well tailored, $10.00.

Extra long overcoats of black or oxford frieze, or fancy cheviot, $12.00.

A great assortment of overcoats in fur beavers, Whitney beavers, American and genuine Sedan montagnacs, $15 to $45.

Double-breasted ulsters—just the thing for men whose business or social engagements take them out at night—$10 to $25.

Double-breasted reefing jackets, $6 to $12.

Fur overcoats, $100 to $125.

Women's Furs

Fur coats, $25 to $175; fox boas, $7.50 to $35; fox muffs, $10 to $25; stylish mink and squirrel ties, $5.50 to $25; rich chinchilla muffs, $35 and $45; chinchilla neckpieces, $25, $30, $32.50 to $50.

Handsome sets in Eastern sable, Russian lamb, fox and baum marten.

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If you purchase a certain amount here and show your return ticket, we pay your carfare both ways.

Wanamaker & Brown
OAK HALL,
S. E. Cor. Sixth and Market Sts., Philadelphia.
Orders taken by T. E. HURN, Middletown

1904 TIME TABLE 1904

The New Iron Steamer Clio
Captain HOWARD V. WOODALL,
WILL LEAVE
Odessa & Augustine Pier for Phila
AND RETURN FROM
Arch Street WHARF, PHILADELPHIA,
AS FOLLOWS:

ODESSA.	DECEMBER.	PHILA.
	Semi-Weekly	
Thur'd'y 1	2.30 p m	Friday 2 12.30 p m
Mond'y 5	6.30 p m	Tuesd'y 6 4.00 p m
Thur'd'y 8	11.00 a m	Friday 9 6.00 p m
Monday 12	12.30 p m	Tu sd'y 13 11.00 a m
Thur'd'y 15	2.00 p m	Friday 16 12.30 p m
Monday 19	5.30 p m	Tuesd'y 20 3.00 p m
Thur'd'y 22	7.30 p m	Friday 23 5.00 p m
Tuesday 27	11.30 a m	Wed'd'y 28 11.00 a m
Thur'd'y 29	1.00 p m	Friday 30 11.30 a m

Boat will leave Augustine Pier 1½ hours later than Odessa time.
Comfortable accommodations for Passengers. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Saloon and Private Staterooms.
FARE, - 50 CENTS.
Grain, Fruit and Stock Freighted at Reasonable Rates.
Attention given to the Careful Handling and Prompt Delivery of all consignments.
For information in regard to Freights apply to
F. B. WATKINS, Manager,
Odessa, Delaware.
WILLIAM W. ROSE, Clerk.

SECTIONAL Bookcases

The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detache the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

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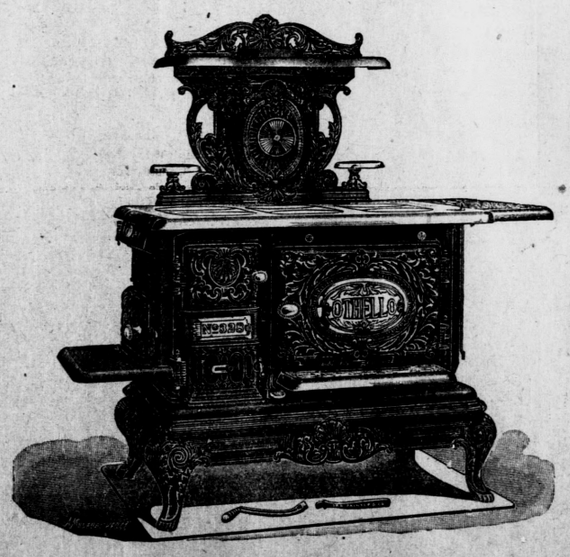

In Stock at all times will be found the following:

DOUBLE HEATERS	COOK STOVES	RANGES
Golden Sunshine	Niagara	Othello
Hazell	Iron King	Loyal Victor
Marvell	Peerless	Victor Cook
Milton	Times	Wyoming Dockash
Daisy Sunshine	Iron Sid[illegible]	Thistle Sunshine
	Quaker[illegible]	Mystic

Heating and Air-Tight Stoves o[illegible] and BEST Patterns
Stove Repairs for all stoves [illegible]ort notice.

The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.29, 7.48, 9.22 and 10.24 a. m; 1.55 4.17 and 5.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.36, 8.21, 9.19 and 11.38 a. m.; 4 43. 5.41 and 7.48 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 24, 1904.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

Montgomery Taffies are sold everywhere at 10 cents per pound.

Corby's Washington Bread received fresh daily. JONES & BRADLEY.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Finest line of box candy in town at MONTGOMERY'S.

FOR SALE.—The property of the late R. W. Cochran on Green street. Apply to J. B. MESSICK.

The only way to know that you're getting Good Bread every time is to buy it from us. It's a guarantee of satisfaction. JONES & BRADLEY.

A full line of 12 ga. smokless shot gun shells at S. E. MASSEY'S.

Try our Famous Stews. JONES & BRADLEY'S.

Old Kris has moved with JONES & BRADLEY to Middle Room in Opera House.

Dolls, Tables, Chairs, Rockers, Brooms, Games, etc., everything for the girls at JONES & BRADLEY'S.

After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

OYSTERS by the Quart at JONES & BRADLEY'S

WANTED.—To rent a Farm of about 150 acres on shares. Can give the best of reference. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

You should try our 20 cents mixtures. They are fine. MONTGOMERY'S.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain, 75 cents cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

Shoo-flys, Rattles, tree trimmings, everything for baby at JONES & BRADLEY'S, Middle Room in Opera House.

NEW BARBER SHOP.—I wish to announce to my friends and the public, that I have opened up a first-class barber shop in the room on North Broad street formally occupied by the Y. W. C. T. U., and will appreciate a share of the public patronage. WILLIAM MCCLARY.

We have landlord's notices to tenants, ready printed in legal form at this office. They only cost a trifle, and are much more convenient and accurate than the old way.

Full line of all kinds of Nuts at bottom prices at MONTGOMERY'S.

Drums, Wagons, Sleds, Coaches, Go-carts, Bedsteads, Guns, Games, etc., everything for the Boys at JONES & BRADLEY'S.

Fine lot of tree trimmings at JONES & BRADLEY'S, Middle Room in Opera House.

Don't miss that 20 cent mixture at MONTGOMERY'S.

You can save money by purchasing your fruits at MONTGOMERY'S.

Have you tried it? The best Buckwheat Flour in town at EVAN'S EXCHANGE STORE.

Get your order in early for Brick Ice Cream at MONTGOMERY'S.

LOST.—A Pointer Dog, white body, spotted brown and with brown ears, no collar. Last seen on Sunday, December 11th. Liberal reward if returned to W. REESE PARKER, Middletown, Del.

Don't get in the way of the Christmas shopper; there is not much time left and the mob is on.

Muskrats are reported plentiful and their hides are said to be thick, a sign with hunters of a severe winter.

If you want to make the editor's heart glad at this glad season of the year, stop in and pay your subscription, or send it by mail.

The game laws of this State prohibit the tracking and killing of quail and rabbits during a big snow, and all offenders should be prosecuted.

More than a week of excellent sleighing in December is something unusual for this locality, and has not occurred since 1888, so says the oldest inhabitant.

Only a few days remain for Leap Year proposals. Girls, if you haven't "popped the question" you had better hurry or you will be four years older before you have another chance.

The small boy and sled have been doing business this week. Reciprocity was the only amicable means of adjustment. The sled carried the boy down, and the boy carried the sled up.

Mrs. H. C. DeValinger has disposed of her grocery store, stock and fixtures, in the Town Hall, to Mr. John G. Armstrong, who has already taken possession. The deal was made Wednesday, and will hereafter be known as "The Middletown Grocery and meat market."

Beware of the kindly stranger who writes that you have been fortunate enough to win a valuable prize or present in some past guessing or counting contest, and that present will be promptly forwarded upon receipt of 95 cents (or thereabouts) to cover packing charges.

This is severe weather on the birds and rabbits, and they should be fed instead of killed. A true sportsman scorns to kill game of any kind without giving it a chance for its life. Farmers can very much aid the preservation of game if they will refuse to permit anyone to gun on their land while the ground is covered with snow.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 15th: Miss Elsie Crouch, Mrs. John DeValinger, Miss M. Maschewitz, Miss Marie Mashwitz, Mrs. Sallie Perkins, Miss Janey Sebers, Mrs. Sarah White, Mr. Armstrong, Rev. L. R. Janney, Herman Mashewits, J. R. P[illegible] Geo. P. Wallace.

Dr. G. B. Pearson has sold his drug store on West Main street to Mr. George F. Lee, who only a short time ago purchased the drug store of Mr. A. M. Chaberlaine. Dr. Pearson's large practice made it impossible for him to continue the drug business, and after January 1st, 1905, he will move to the offices on South Broad street now occupied by Mr. Frank L. Cates. Mr. Lee will make many improvements in his new purchase after January 1st, next, when he will take possession of the store.

Through its agent, William W. Myers, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has completed the purchase of several tracts of land in Delaware and Maryland along the peninsula roads for the purpose of growing trees for railroad ties. The land of which the company now owns 600,000 acres in these two states, in addition to tracts in Pennsylvania, is bought at from $6 to $10 per acre, none being purchased except it adjoins the company's lines.

We are now on the holiday home-stretch. Only one more day and then all will be over. What remains to be done must be done quickly or not at all. The time to act has come. All things are now ready. The merchants and shopkeepers are ready; the holiday goods are here in quantities to suit every body and every purse,—right at your own doors. There is no use in spending money to go to the larger cities, and coming back dissatisfied in the end. Buy at home. Perhaps you are in business yourself; do you want your neighbor to go abroard to buy? No! Then don't do it yourself. Make good use of the few hours left and make your home merchants as well as yourselves happy.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 28th, at 2.30 o'clock in the Century Club room there will be an entertainment for children given by Mrs. Harris McDowell, the chairman of the Juvenile Committee. All members of the Club are invited to attend, and bring their children with them. In the same room on Friday evening, December 30th, the ladies of the New Century Club will hold their Christmas Social at 8 o'clock. All members are cordially invited with the privilege of bringing a friend. A program is in progress, which comprises the following: instrumental solo, Mrs. J. G. Bragdon; dialogue, Mrs. W. E. Barnard and William H. Brady; vocal solo, Mrs. Theodore Leonhardt; humorous reading, Mrs. J. H. Hardcastle; instrumental solo, Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd.

Dear Old Kris Kringle has made his appearance, and hurrying crowds fill the stores, buying here and looking there. It is the beautiful spirit of giving to our loved ones and friends to make happy; to have them hurry to look under the tree Christmas morning and receive a gift presented with a heart full of love. There is indeed a great variety in the crowds of holiday shoppers. The woman who knows what she wants and where to get it. Then we have the meek man, to whom Christmas shopping is anything but agreeable, who scurries about the stores, saying things a religious man never thinks about, and always remembering that there is one more gift to buy. But the season is too glorious and happy to allow the mind to become narrow with grumbling, and the gifts this year will doubtless be more numerous than in the past.

CHURCH NOTES

The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's sermon in the Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning will be: "The Messianic Hope." The evening subject will be: "The Purpose of the Incarnation." Special Christmas music will be sung at both services. All cordially invited.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "An Offering to Christ." Mark 14:3-9. Miss Sybilla Jones, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Light of the World." Leader, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D.

Interesting services will be held at Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow in commoration of Christ's birth. The pastor will preach an Xmas sermon in the morning from the text: "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The sermon at night will be in line with the advent season. There will be a special musical program, and the public is cordially invited to worship with us.

ROLL OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent or over for the month of December:

HIGH SCHOOL.—Grade A.—Prudence Lewis, Anna Denny, Josephine Cochran, Helen Davis, Ernest Sirman, Victor Jones. Grade B.—Emily Allee, Nevada Alrichs, Daisy Bendler, Isaac Gibbs. Grade C. Clara Duryea, Jean Metten, Nellie Armstrong, Lydia Dockety, Edith Shallcross, Ada Scott, Helen Shepherd.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Horace Davis. Blanche Deakyne, Mary Richards, Leanora Davis, Elsie Boulden, Fannie McCrone, Helen Biggs, Harold Wilson.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—A Class.—William Kirk, Nellie Pyle, George Hukill, Alfred Connellee. B Class.—Rosie Weber, Leah Berkman, Dellah Muehlberg, Julius Kirk, Benjamin Denny, Earl Whitlock.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Elsie Byron, Miriam Berkman, Reba Deakyne, Hannah Kirk, Helen McDowell, Irene Reed, Anna Wilson, Reuben Alper, William Eliason, Frank Richards, Laura Connelle, Elsie Fowler, Alexander Berkman, Kendall McDowell.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Alice Boulden, Myrtle Whitlock, Sarah Kates, Rachel Alper, Jessie Shepherd, Bessie Denny, Edith Eliason, Minnie Whitlock, Cinderella Whitlock, Lemont Jones, Tim Hukill, Albert Rhodes, Frank Tyson, Evans Kennedy, John Dickinson, Isaac Cleaver, Clifford Pyle, Perth Johnson, Bruce Whitlock and Elmer Kirke.

Fraudulent Naturalization Cases

Four Italians are under arrest in Philadelphia charged with obtaining naturalization papers by fraud in Wilmington. They were arrested by direction of Secret Service Agent Griffin and will be brought to Wilmington next week before the United States Court.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Warner Taylor is visiting relatives in Havre-de-Grace.

Master Harry DeValinger was in Wilmington and Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Edward Vaughan, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. Charles B. Hidley, of Harrisburg, Pa., will spend Christmas with friends here.

Mrs. W. C. Eliason was the guest of relatives in Wilmington several days this week.

Miss Susie Foard was the guest of friends in Georgetown several days this week.

Mr. Wilbur Gemmi, of Oak Lane, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Letherbury.

Rev. G. T. Alderson, of Snow Hill, Md., was the guest of Rev. C. T. Wyatt on Friday.

Miss Sylvia Arthers, of Kenton, Md., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Burris.

Mrs. Frank Pennington and daughter, Miss Addie, were Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Rev. E. H. Dashiell and wife were guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Wyatt on Tursday.

Miss May Davis, of Milford, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary J. Wilson, over Sunday.

Mrs. John Metz and little Miss Mildred Allen, of Philadelphia, are guests of friends in town.

Mr. George Allee, of Newbern, N. C., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch G. Allee.

Mr. J. F. Metten, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten.

Dr. S. N. Pool, of Pittsburg, Pa., will spend the Holidays with his father, Mr. Z. A. Pool, near McDonough.

Mrs. H. V. Parvis and daughter, Miss Grace, are spending several months with her daughter in Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Lillian Walker, of Philadelphia, is spending the Holidays with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Price.

Mrs. Thomas Cochran, Jr., and children, of New York City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Owens and daughter, Miss Florie, are spending the Xmas Holidays with relatives in Perryville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus P. Rogers, of Frederica, were guests of his sister, Mrs. W. P. Cullen, several days during the past week.

Master Benjamin Biggs, of Lawrenceville, N. J., is spending the Xmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Biggs.

Miss Hilda Wilkie, of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., is spending the Holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harry Hardcastle, of Oakmont, Pa., are spending the Xmas Holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardcastle.

Miss Mary Shallcross entertained a large house party at the home of her father, near town, over Sunday. At dinner the engagement of Miss Shallcross and Bassett Ferguson, one of the party, was announced. Mr. Ferguson is a civil engineer and a graduate of Delaware College, where he ranked high in his classes and was popular with his fellow students. Miss Shallcross is the daughter of James T. Shallcross, a prominent farmer and Democratic politician, and a former Representative in the General Assembly.

P. O. S. of A. ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment held in the Camp Room, Messick's Block, on Tuesday evening last was a decided success. It was a real parlor entertainment, and a most pleasing one, the audience frequently joining in applause. The following program was rendered:

Singing, - - - - "America"
Song, Down where the Swanee River flows
Charade—"Refinement,"
Misses May Buehm and Ada Roberts; Messrs. William B. Kates and J. A. Suydam.
Song, "You are as welcome as the flowers in May"
Phonograph Selections, W. Taylor Barnett
Song, "Down on the Farm," by request
Matrimonial Sketch, "Mrs. Jonas Jones"
Misses Hattie Cullen and Elizabeth Holten, Messrs. W. B. Kates and J. A. Suydam.
Song, - "Good-bye, my Lady Love"

The singing by Misses May Buehm, Estella Suydam and Mr. Swain, was exceptionally good, and the entertainment was so pleasing, that we hope the Camp Club will give another in thenear future. Weare glad to say it was also successful financially, a neat sum being realized. Camp No. 9 is alive and hustling and we wish the Patriotic Sons of America continued success.

WESTERN UNION LINES TO BE CUT

The telegraph department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, it is said, is now ready to remove every wire and pole on the railroad property belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Company in Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey, unless the telegraph company saves it the trouble. The work of destruction only awaits orders from the railroad officers. This is the result of the decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company against the Western Union Telegraph Company.

A statement to this effect was made by an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Western Union owns more than 500 "pole miles" of line in the three States named.

In Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is a veritable cobweb of wires owned by the Western Union, extending for miles along the lines owned or controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

George A. Millington Dead

George A. Millington, aged 61 years, proprietor of the Capitol Hotel, Dover, died at 8 o'clock Sunday night. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday, and did not regain consciousness. Mr. Millington was widely known, he having managed many hotels in Delaware and Maryland. He was proprietor of the Capitol Hotel for a long time. He was a former mayor of Dover and a member of the Order of Heptasoph. His wife, two daughters and one son survive him.

ST. GEORGES

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas.

James Cannon was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Miss Sara Milligan has returned from a trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. H. C. Gray and daughter have returned from Wilmington.

J. W. Cannon, wife and daughter were in Wilmington on Saturday.

John Moore and wife visited relatives in Middletown on Wednesday.

Thompson Lilly, of Newark, visited her daughter here on Wednesday.

Miss Anna Stewart and brother Albert, visited Wilmington on Tuesday.

Misses Edna Lilly and Maude Clark have returned from Wilmington.

J. C. Stuckert and C. A. Steitler were visitors in Wilmington last week.

Miss Linda Clark and niece, Miss Daisy, were Wilmington visitor on Saturday.

Miss Lucy Hill who has been in Philadelphia for sometime returned home last week.

Miss Effie White, of Deakyneville, spent Sunday with her parents, James White and wife.

Mrs. Annie Hurlock, of Wilmington, spent several weeks with J. C. Stuckert and wife.

Mrs. George Vincent and daughter Ursula paid a visit to Wilmington on Friday.

Mrs. James White and Mrs. George Peterson spent part of last week in Wilmington.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, of Porter, spent part of last week her brother, J. H. Stewart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirk, of Bethel, Md., were guests of Charles Wright and family on Tuesday.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give its entertainment on Thursday evening, December 29th.

Mrs. Maria Racine and son, of Porter, were entertained by James Paynter and daughter on Tuesday.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the M. E. Sunday School will be held on Wednesday evening, December 28th.

Twenty-eight members of National Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F. went to New Castle on Monday evening and assisted in re-organizing the Lodge there.

The young people are making great preparations for the entertainment to be given on New Year's evening, for the benefit of National Lodge, I. O. O. F. Further announcement next week.

A PROFITABLE MEETING

The meeting at Bethesda M. E. Church Thursdaynight while not largely attended was a great success. The nearness to the Xmas holiday and the slippery streets kept many away. The addresses were full of practical suggestions and made a deep impression upon the audience. The first address on "The place of prayer in revival work" by Rev. E. H. Dashiell of Chesapeake City, was impressive and helpful. Rev. J. M. Arters gave a strong address on "Personal Work," which will not be soon forgotten. Rev. C. T. Wyatt made some appropriate remarks, and conducted a testimony meeting. The Worker's Pledge, which had been prepared by Rev. J. M. Arters, was distributed for signers. The signers pledge themselves to pray every day for the revival, and also to do some personal work among the unsaved. The pledge is so comprehensive and practical that there ought to be many signers. A goodly number from Odessa was in attendance.

12,000 TURKEYS FOR WORKMEN

Twelve hundred workmen, employed by the duPont Powder Company, will be made happy by the presentation to each of them by the concern of a turkey for Christmas.

For years the duPonts have given their employes a present each Christmas of a turkey and notwithstanding the scarcity of the fowls this season the custom will be carried out as usual.

Agents of commission houses in Philadelphia have been at work for sometime in buying up turkeys of the finest quality and to-day they will be distributed among the men employed at the two mills operated by the company in Wilmington. Averaging five persons to a family 6,000 mouths will be fed on Christmas day through the generosity of the duPont Powder Company.

CLERGYMAN'S CASE GOES OVER

WILMINGTON, Dec. 16th—When the case of Zell and Merceret, Baltimore brokers, against Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, to recover money asserted to be due in a stock transaction was called to-day in Superior Court, the clergyman's attorney asked leave to amend his answer, asserting that the plaintiffs had damaged the minister more than the amount of their claim—$3500. Whereupon the brokers' lawyer requested that the cuse be continued until the February term, which was done accordingly.

Dr. Corkran was suspended from the ministy because of stock dabbling, and his case is to be considered at the March session of the Wilmington Conference.

ODESSA

Mayor Black, of Chester, was a visitor in town last Friday.

Miss M. Elizabeth Harper was a Wilmington visitor Saturday.

Mr. Frank Purse, of Kenton, spent part of last week with Mr. Norris Lloyd.

Miss Elizabeth Cattes, of Wilmington, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Emma B. Eccles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kumpel, of Delanco, N. J., have been visiting their parents.

Mrs. D. C. Morgan and son Leslie visited her daughter at Wilmington part of last week.

Augusta Kumpel, of Medford, N. J., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kumpel.

Miss Mary P. Stevens returned last Saturday after spending a month with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. John Morris, of Dillsburg, Pa., and son Russell, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, are here to spend the Holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Arters.

At the regular meeting of Col. J. W. Anderson Post, No. 14, Dept. of Delaware, on Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, John W. Denny; S. V. C., H. Vandegrift; J. V. C., Charles T. Johnson; Chaplain, L. V. April; surgeon, I. F. Croft; Adjutant, Joseph H. Enos; R. M., Joseph A. Rhodes; O. D., W. H. Eccles, O. G., Leon James; Q. M. S., W. D. King. Thomas C. Lynch was elected delegate and George Echenhofer alternate to the next department encampment.

TOWNSEND

Dr. Jeter, of Sassafras, was in town Wednesday.

Mark Staats visited Middletown Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Beardsly was in Middletown Monday.

Mrs. John Parvis visited Wilmington last week.

B. G. Lockerman visited Wilmington Wednesday.

Miss Belle Garton was a recent visitor at Millington, Md.

Aaron Reynolds, of Smyrna, was a visitor in town Monday.

Gilbert Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with friends near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodgson, of near Sassafras, were Townsend visitors on Monday.

Miss Winnie Price, of Kent County, Md., spent several days with relatives in town this week.

Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney of Conference Academy, Dover, is spending the Xmas Holidays at home.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney attended the District Cabinet meeting of the Epworth League at Ridgley, Md., last week.

Clarence Pritchard who is attending the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is spending the Xmas Holidays at home.

Rev. J. W. Jones pastor of the M. E. Church, who has been ill in Wilmington, is convalescing and has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Foraker entertained the Townsend Aid Society at their home on the Levels, Tuesday evening, December 20th.

CECILTON

Wills Lusby is visiting friends in Germantown, Pa.

Miss Daisy Hoover spent the past week with Miss M. E. Pierce.

Miss Lillie Pierce was the guest of their aunt, Mrs. Allie Pierce, last week.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson spent Saturday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Dessie Boulden has returned from visiting in Philadelphia and New York.

Miss Elsie Spear has returned from spending the past ten days in Philadelphia.

Allie Pierce, wife and children spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, James A. Pierce and wife.

Services will be held on Christmas morning at 5.30 o'clock in the M. E. Church. All are invited.

Services will be continued from St. Stephens Church to the Cecilton Chapel every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Misses Lelia McCoy, Edith Alderson, Frances G. Griffith, Messrs. Pickron Smith and Owens Griffith spent Saturday last in Wilmington.

William Lipscomb and Miss Mary L. Robinson were quietly married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, on Wednesday, December 14th, by Rev. W. F. Dawson.

Invitations are out for a dance in Mechanics Hall on Thursday evening, December 29th. Committee, Fred E. Hoover, T. C. Cruikshank, Thomas Boulden, Arney Oldham and Dallas Manlove.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.08	Corn—No. 2	1.05
Timothy Seed	$2.65	Yellow, shelled	46
Clover Seed lb	10¼c	" cob	46
		Oats	54

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	32@34
Country Butter, per lb	25@30
Creamery Butter, per lb	36
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	12@15
Potatoes, per basket	25@35

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Before deciding be sure to give us a call, as we will enjoy the privilege of showing you our goods.

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NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the
Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company
will be held at the hotel of Charles W. Lloyd, in Odessa, Delaware,
Monday, Jan. 2d, 1905
At which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid.

The Directors have declared a Dividend of ten (10) per cent. out of the Surplus Fund on all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 2d, 1905.

Election for Directors will take place between the hours 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. CORBIT, President,
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.
Odessa, Del. Dec. 7th, 1904.

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UNDERWEAR

Men's Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, mixed natural wool, most stores charge 75c., here at 50c.

Men's Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, mixed natural wool, all made with covered seams, $1.00.

Men's Fleece Shirts and Drawers, shirts come single and double breasted; drawers to match, heavy fleece lined soft and warm, 45c.

Women's Fleece Cotton Vests, special at 25c.

Women's Cotton Fleece Vests; Pants to match. Strictly fine vests, and often sold at 75c, 50c.

Women's Vests, soft and warm, fine wool, silk binding, 95c.

Children's Merino Vests and Pants, heavy fleece lined, soft and warm, price starts at 5c.

Children's fine ribbed fleece Vests and Pants, silk tape binding, pearl buttons, covered seams, 23c.

Boys' heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers, 25c.

Boys' heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers, this garment is nearly all wool, 75c.

Blankets and Comforts

White Wool and Scarlet Bed Blankets, 11-4, wide silk binding, at special price, $5.00 a pair.

White Wool Blankets, 11-4 and 10-4, wide silk binding, pink, blue and red borders, $2.50 a pair.

Full size Cotton Blankets, long nap, 65c. a pair.

Large size Cotton Comforts, made of heavy cotton, covered with sateen, some with plain and fancy centers, $2.00.

Large size Cotton Comforts, made of pure cotton, 75c.

Rogers' Silver Ware
At Special Low Prices

Water Pitchers, $1.50.
Cake Plates, $1.50 to $3.00.
Bread Plates, 75c. to $3.00.
Four piece set, Sugar, Cream, Butter and Spoon Holders, $5.00.
Cracker Jars, $1.50.
Tea-Spoons, $1.50 for 6 spoons.
Table Spoons, $2.00 for 6 spoons.
Table Knives, $2.00 for 6 knives.
Bonbon Dishes, $1.00.
Child's Cup, 25c., 75c. and $1.00.
Butter Dishes, $1.50 and $2.00.
Sugar Spoons, in fancy boxes, 50c.
Child's Set, Spoon, Knife and Fork, $1.00.
Scissors, 50c.
Button Hooks, 25c.
Nail Files, 25c.
Egg Darners, 50c.
Waiters, $1.50 to $6.00.

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Cashmere Bouquet, Heliotrope, Jockey Club, Violet, and in fact all new ones, ½-oz. and 1-oz. bottles, 50c. to $3.00.

Toilet Soaps

Italian Violet, 40c. a cake; Cashmere Bouquet, 24c.; Dac. Lyle's, 20c.; Sweet Pink, 20c.; La France Rose, 20c; Violet, 15c.; Brown Windsor, 8c.; Elder Flower, 8c.; Honey Soap, 8c.; Castile, 6c.

On Christmas, Monday the 26th, this Store will be closed all day.

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NOTICE--ELECTION!

ODESSA & MIDDLETOWN RAILWAY,
Odessa, Del., Dec. 22d, 1904.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this company will be held at the Hotel of Chas. W. Lloyd, in Odessa, on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1905, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing directors to serve during ensuing year.

DANIEL W. CORBIT, President,
JOSEPH L. GIBSON, Secretary.

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With The 5 and 10c counter is full of Christmas goods, as we are making small profits, The we are making them often, our first assortment Buying of goods is clean sold out and we are getting in new Made goods every week. A full line of underwear, hosiery, Easy notions and furnishings. A line of men's initial handkerchiefs 5c and 10c each. 150 dozen ladies' handkerchiefs 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c each.

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Until Christmas with Little Boys' Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings; we want the Boys to talk about us, we want them to think about us. The Genuine Yankee Nickel Watch and Chain with $5 worth, the Eclipse Silver Watch and Chain with $10 worth. Prices the Same and Big Stocks for Selection, Holiday Goods ready and selling, House Coats, Bath Robes, Umbrellas, Canes, Gloves, Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Caps, Slippers, Dress Suit Cases, Gum Boots, Boy's Leggins, and everything for Men and Boys to Wear. You will find Styles, Qualities and Prices right and satisfactory.

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NOTICE--ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1904.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on SATURDAY, January 14th, 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE--ELECTION!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA,
December 10th, 1904.

THE STOCKHOLDERS annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking house on Wednesday January 4th, 1905 between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 P. M.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE--ELECTION!

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1904.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stock-holders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the Banking House on Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

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BY ELIZA EVANS CARTWRIGHT

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

Misses Briggs were only half sisters, Cynthia's mother being the second wife. She had faded gently away soon after Cynthia's birth. A mossy stone in the graveyard sometimes recalled to the older people of the village a vague memory of a green barege veil, long dark ringlets flowing from beneath its screening folds, and a hollow, prophetic cough. To Cynthia she was not even a memory—Susan was sister and mother all in one.

"I know you'll be good to her, Susie," the dying woman had murmured faintly to her homely, angular, but thoroughly reliable step-daughter. "You have used me better than most girls would have a stepmother, and me so near your own age."

"I'll do my duty," promised Susan in a matter-of-fact tone, as she sorted the medicine bottles. "I'll stick by pa and fetch up the child, and don't you worry. Look at my arm! I guess I kin git along, and no thanks to anybody."

Mrs. Briggs looked her gratitude as she lay gasping, a white shadow on the scarcely whiter pillow.

"I guess I'll go to sleep," she whispered, and turned her face from the light. An hour later, when Susan came softly in to look after the baby, she found its mother had slipped out of life as noiselessly as a mist wreath before the rising sun.

Susan stood over the dead woman for a long, silent moment, then she stooped, and lifting the unconscious infant from its dead mother's embrace, symbolically took up her life burden. That was long years ago, when a certain rising young minister had already set his hopes upon the capable Susan. There were other suitors too, Job Petty among them, for Susan would be what her neighbors called "well fixed" when she came of age to inherit her mother's property; but the girl refused them, one and all.

"I've got Cynthy to fetch up and pa to 'tend to, and I haven't no time to think of marrying," she said to Job Petty. What she said to the young minister no one ever knew, but there was a certain spot in the long road between the Briggs farm and the village, where the old cherry trees leaned far over the wall and scattered the white petals of their fragrant blossoms down on the wayfarer's head. Susan never passed that spot in after years without a dull ache in her heart, and she never could endure the odor of cherry blossoms more. The minister went away and married someone else, after the manner of men in general. Sometimes he came back to preach in his native town. Susan sat bolt upright in the pew, listening attentively. After the service was over the minister came and shook hands with her, while she inquired after the health of his wife and their six children. It was all very sensible and commonplace, but for all that, there was a withered spray of cherry blossoms in the minister's Bible, though Susan would never know it—in this world. Never mind, she had Cynthy—her little dimpled Cynthy.

Cynthia's dimples, however, were all too transient. The child grew up into a slender slip of a thing, with a hectic color and a general delicacy which gave Susan many an anxious hour. Like her mother too, was Cynthia in her general incapacity for all the exigencies of the hard, stirring life about her. Till the end she would be simply a charge upon her stirring sister, but Susan, while grieving in secret, never publicly admitted any of her darling's deficiencies. When Cynthia finally struggled up into delicate, sentimental young maidenhood, fresh perplexities came. Lovers appeared miraculously, like mushrooms, of a moonlight night. Susan drove them fiercely away, one and all, Cynthia inwardly grieving, but outwardly all submission. Susan knew best, of course, and if not, who dared to dispute her authority? By-and-bye the baffled suitors dropped away, and then things grew once more comfortable. No more heart-flutterings or tremors of delicious fear for the aging Cynthia, no more lynx-eyed prowlings for her suspicious guardian. The two old maids lived serenely on through the peaceful years of their decline, as fixed an institution in their neighbors' minds as the meeting-house or old Shagwam Hill.

Never once in all their long dual life had Cynthia ever been guilty of such an aberration as this matter of the boughten baby. Susan pondered vainly over the mystery through the long hours of the tempestuous night, while the rats scuttled in the walls, and the wet branches of the rosebush tapped on the window-pane. The dawn found her no nearer a solution of the mystery. Yet the explanation was simple enough. The womanly instincts of a repressed, smothered life had vindicated themselves in a single overwhelming impulse at the sight of the neglected infant in the arms of its unwilling mother. In a second Cynthia, prim, skimped, middle-aged spinster, had touched the fringe of the mighty mystery of motherhood. A faint, reflected light from its august crown played over her worn face as she lay asleep, the baby clasped to her maiden bosom. Miss Susan's sharp eyes caught it, though she only turned away, hardening her heart like Pharaoh of old, for the day was breaking clear and cloudless, and the child should be in the poor-house by noon if old Nancy could hold out for the long drive over the gullied roads.

"Ye'll hev to go round by the Squire's and git the c'mittal," said Abner, as Miss Susan climbed with creaking joints into the little green box-wagon. "Ye can't go heavin' it on the taown without writings."

Cynthia wept softly under her sunbonnet, and clasped the baby tighter.

"I'll git quit of the youngun fust, and then I'll see about writing," returned Miss Susan, grasping the reins. "Be sure you shet them bars and feed the chickens at noon. Git me a hickory stick, can't ye? Nancy's dumb lazy this morning. See how she hangs her head down."

"She don't seem to hanker arter this job, does she?" agreed Abner, with a furtive glance under Cynthia's sunbonnet.

Miss Susan vouchsafed no reply, but gave poor Nancy's withered flank a vigorous blow, and the wagon jolted away down the road over the brook, which, swollen by the rain, rushed a foaming, yellow torrent nearly level with the bridge.

The sun climbed higher and higher and the lifeless air seemed to press down upon the pilgrims. The baby wailed piteously, refusing the food Cynthia pressed upon him. The hilly road proved a wilderness of gullies and loose stones. Nancy toiled on, her nose nearly touching the steaming earth, while Miss Susan alternately rained blows upon her seasoned hide or hoarsened herself with such objurgations as are permitted an aged female in "good and regular standing."

"Do keep that youngun quiet, Cynthy, if you don't want me to go crazy. Mercy seems to me the mosquitoes needn't bite in the day time, or mebbe it's only my blood's got het up pounding this lazy beast. Clk—clk! git up, Nancy! I should think with the wagon pushing you might trot down hill. Do take the reins, Cynthy, and let me untie this bunnit. I feel as if I couldn't breathe, and the prespiration is simply trickling down my nose. There, ain't there tumult enough without your boo-hooing like a baby?"

Thus the hours wore away until, forlornly perched on a particularly bleak and desolate hill, the poor-house came in view. As the sisters came up to the open front door, the worthy keeper issued therefrom, busily occupied in repairing his one suspender.

"Morning, Miss Briggs. Now what in the nation be you doing here? I don't s'pose you're going to put Cynthy onto the town, with all the fellers that's been on the anxious seat fur her these twenty years?"

"Here," said Miss Susan, with a frown of great displeasure at this ill-timed jest, "I've fetched you a pauper, so take it quick."

"A baby!" ejaculated Mr. Allen, stepping back and bursting into a peal of angry laughter. "Whose baby, and where's the writing?" I declare, Miss Susan, I never thought this of you."

"Tain't hers," cried Cynthia in a voice of agony. "It's mine—it's mine. I won't give him up, Susan."

Mr. Allen scratched his shock head and stared at the women, sobering fast in the effort to take in the incredible.

"What in the nation!" he muttered. "What in the nation!"

"Give me the baby," demanded Miss Susan, hastily snatching it from Cynthia's protecting embrace. "Here, Zebedee, if you don't take it, you will probably be hung for infanticide, fur I assure ye I wash my hands of it."

"Well, if ye insist, I dunno as the town kin blame me," growled Zebedee, with an appalled glance at the sobbing Cynthia. "Mis' Allen, she's to bed with a ravin toothache—the lightning scared Crazy Sal into one of her spells, and she's locked down cellar howling like bedlam and smashing bottles—the wind's blowed the rye flat jest as I was looking to cut it, and the cow's strayed off since Tuesday. There ain't no milk into the but'ry but what is sour, and I dunno how we're going to feed the child nohow. Land, ain't it dark complected!"

"Why shouldn't it be?" queried Miss Susan, tartly. "All Eyetalians and such trash is complected like that. If I'd been idiot enough to buy a baby, I'd have looked fur a clear-skinned one anyway; but this is a fair sample of Cynthy's judgment."

"Bought it!" exclaimed Zebedee, in great astonishment. "Bought it!"

"Yes, bought it. What did you suppose, I'd like to know?"

"Bought it," repeated Zebedee, slowly. "Well, then, if she bought it, why it ain't the town's—it is hers."

"You can't buy younguns like critters," contradicted Susan. "I guess we fit that p'int out in the war. It's plumb against Constitution and Gospel, too, if Paul did send Philemon back to his master. The idee of your standing there claiming that Cynthia Mary Briggs owns that baby!"

"But you 'lowed yourself she bought it," argued Mr. Allen. "I wish Mrs. Allen was up. I can't make head or tail of this biziness. You, Patsy, git into the hause as quick as you know haow"—this last to an imbecile girl of hideous aspect, who was making furtive attempts at capturing the unlucky waif, which Zebedee, in his confusion, was dandling feet uppermost, greatly to the infant's displeasure.

"Dead sot after something to be a-coddling," he remarked by way of comfort-Cynthia. "She's harmless as fur as intentions goes, but she'd jest squeeze the breath out of it in three minutes. She come pretty nigh making a finish of our Sairy Ann, only Mrs. Allen caught her in time; young one's eyes sot in her head and her face purple as a grape and Patsy squeezing. I durno haow we kin keep her off of this one."

"Oh, oh," wailed Cynthia. "Mr. Allen do try and be careful of it."

Miss Susan shook the reins over old Nancy's bony back.

"We must be going, Zebedee. I don't doubt you will do your duty as you're paid to. Cynthy, do try and sit up like a Christian and behave. I must say, I've seen folks less overcome taking leave of remains. It's clear ridiculous when you reflect on it."

Cynthia gave no manner of heed to this counsel, however, and her sister was not sorry when a sharp turn in the road concealed the poorhouse from her wistful backward gaze. No further conversation enlivened the long homeward drive, and before it ended Miss Susan looked, for some reason best known to herself, as dejected as Cynthia. Nor was she cheered by the comfortable supper which presently was spread before the travelers. Cynthia made a futile effort to swallow some tea and crept away to bed, refusing consolation, and even Abner seemed to share in the gloom which enveloped the family.

Hours later, Susan, too, sought her much-needed repose. Cynthia was, to all appearance, buried in slumber. The moon was full, and its light streamed in white and lonesome; the mysterious voices of the night stole in at the open window, mingled with the lowing of a cow bereft of her calf and the croaking of frogs in the brimming marsh. Susan shut her eyes firmly and composed her aching limbs, but sleep refused to come. She counted up to a thousand, repeated the alphabet forward and backward and finally attempted "Gray's Elegy," but getting entangled after a few stanzas, gave vent to an impatient yawn. Cynthia spoke timidly: "Susan."

"Well, what? Why ain't you to sleep?"

"Oh, do you suppose Patsy has got to him?"

"Of course not—you had better go to sleep and not worry."

A long silence, broken only by the distressing lowing of the bereft cow.

"Noise out doors and in!" said Susan at last, sitting up in the moonlight and looking, with her loose gray hair, like an ancient banshee. "There's a cricket chirpin' somewhere. I declare, the witch is in this night."

"I'll go hunt him," said Cynthia, scrambling up and revealing a very doleful face as she lighted the candle.

"For who, to dumb forgetfulness a prey," muttered Miss Susan to herself. But it's to dumb remembering I'm a prey, and serves me right, too, for an obstinate old fool. Did you find the cricket, Cynthy? Where was the pestering critter?"

Cynthia gasped.

"He—he was setting in the empty cradle—right on the piller a-cheepin' as lonesome."

Susan Briggs rose abruptly and thrust her gray head out of the window among the rose branches.

"It's light as day," she said to herself. "I kin see clear over to Elderkin's. Nancy has rested some, if I ain't. Cynthy, you go to the back-stair door and holler up to Abner and tell him to git into his clo's and go harness up quick as he can."

Cynthia stood holding the candle sidewise and staring at her sister. She began to think Susan had gone suddenly quite mad.

"Come, quit dreenin' taller all over the carpet and do as I bid ye! I'm goin' back for the baby. I guess if we hurry we can git back by daybreak. I've had my way, like the contrary critter I be, and I ain't no better suited than you be."

"Susan, be you reely goin'? Can I truly have him back?"

Cynthia turned very white and her lips trembled; Susan caught up the camphor bottle.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17th, 1904.

THE question of deepest interest to the President and Congress, and discussed by politicians in Washington more than any other, has to do with the proposal to give the Interstate Commerce commission power to regulate freight rates. This proposition also attracts wide attention in the country, especially among all classes of shippers who are dependent upon the railroads to carry their produce to market. Some 3,000 produce and fruit dealers throughout the nation have asked the President to appoint some one in their line of business upon the Commission. Sec'y. Morton who hasbeen a railroad man all his life, has promised the President to take up the problem of the supervision of railroad rates, and see what can be accomplished. This may appear a little unusual for the Secretary of the Navy, but Mr. Morton is a man of experience. He believes in the doctrine of consideration of the rights of the people. He says the railroads should not oppose rational government supervision, and that they should cease to manipulate politics and legislation. The President insists that the railroads, as well as other interests, shall have fair play. Reforms of method are needed; there is no war upon railroads, which are recognized as the civilizers and missionaries of the age. Sec'y. Morton advocates a central court of interstate commerce with but five judges, instead of nine, as proposed by Senator Elkins. They should have final jurisdiction save questions requiring constitutional interpretation. He would have all interstate carriers afford cars, tracks and terminal facilities to all shippers alike. The President is seriously in earnest in this, as in other matters, for the welfare of the common people, and it is hoped this session of Congress will not end before some decisive action is taken. There are many Senators who are credited with representing railroad interests, and they are yet to be heard from.

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In all directions the Government is making vigorous efforts to protect the people from frauds and unscrupulous advertisers. The Post Office Department has issued numerous fraud orders denying the use of the mails to bogus silver ware, piano, get-rich-quick concerns, and work-at-home offers, which prove to be either lotteries or unconscionable fakes. The pure food bill now before Congress, seeks to prevent the importation and sale of adulterated foods and drugs. The extent of this fraud upon the unsuspecting public is alarming. A recent inspection of medicines put up by druggists in Chicago revealed the fact that a very large per cent. of them were adulterated. Alcoholic liquors are frightfully impure, with fatal consequences to those who drink them. Food is colored or preserved with substances harmful to the health of human beings.

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Land frauds on the Pacific coast, involving hundreds of thousands of acres, the most extensive ever known in the history of the Interior Department, have for a long time engaged the attention of Sec'y. Hitchcock. These have been exposed and many persons engaged in them have been punished. The Secretary says the frauds were perpetrated by men of high standing, socially and politically, and that men of prominence in this city and in Congress are implicated. Patents have been refused for most of this land and it has been restored to the public domain. There are now 324 criminal suits pending, and 125 civil. The Secretary promises startling revelations. He is determinedly backed by the President in his efforts to break up the conspiracy and bring the guilty to justice.

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Because the overfed horses of Senator Hale shied at a little locomotive, hundreds of underfed sore-shouldered horses must sweat and groan as they haul the dirt from one side of the United States Capitol to the other. The little locomotive was doing the work quickly and painlessly, and had been doing it all summer until the senator from Maine returned to Washington. His high stepping horses showed a little alarm. Nobody was hurt. But the Senator angrily had the iron steed removed and overloading, stalling, falling and beating of horses are resumed on Capitol hill.

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Again the dreadful cotton boll weevil invades the halls of Congress. It is now asserted that in five years it has eaten up $80,000,000 worth of cotton; that it now requires more land to produce a bale; that it has destroyed the credit of the small farmer; that it is driving the negro laborer from the cotton districts; and that in Texas for the past five years the crop has decreased annually. A quarter of a million of dollars is asked for with which to conduct a campaign against the weevil. Mr. Roberts, of Mass., wants $200,000 to help exterminate the gypsy and brown tail moth in his state. Sec'y. Wilson opposes this on the ground that Massachusetts should do this work at her own expense. Mr. Roberts wishes to know why the same rule is not applied to Texas? Possibly Congress will make a grant of $15,000 to enable some of the Government entomologists to discover what they can find out about the moths.

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Secretary Taft has returned to town safe and sound, from his arbitration visit to Panama, and told the whole story of his success in clearing away misunderstandings on the part of the new Republic to the President while dining with him. There is nothing now in the way of building the canal, save the solution of some difficult engineering feats, the labor question, and the climate. It is proposed to carry on the operation of excavating the canal under electric lights at night. This will hasten the work, and enable it to be prosecuted with greater comfort on the part of the laborers. The Secretary says 3,000 laborers can be employed at once, and on his way home he visited Jamaica with a view to securing efficient labor from that island.

USEFUL TO KNOW

A plate warmer, on which the platter of French sausages comes to the table smoking hot in certain restaurants, is furnished with an alcohol lamp and may be adjusted to a round or an oblong platter. It is silver plated, with an ornate cut edge, and is to be had in housefurnishing departments.

A beauty specialist discounts the practice many women follow so persistently of dashing the face with the coldest water they can lay hands on. She says that the shock which the face receives tends to check rather than quicken circulation, and that the result will be a thickening and yellowing of the skin wherever it is kept up for any length of time.

To eat a grape a minute for an hour at a time, and to repeat this performance three or four times a day, eating very little else meantime but dry bread, may seem a monotonous way of spending the time. This treatment, however, works wonders with thin, nervous, anaemic people, whose digestions have got out of order from worrying or overwork. It is no mere quack prescription, but a form of cure recognized and advised by many well known physicans. Grapes are perhaps the most digestible of any fruit in existence.

In endeavoring to keep the hair light, the use of too much borax and soda tends to make the hair harsh and broken. When such results follow, abandon the use of the soda, apply a good tonic and rub the roots nightly with white vaseline or olive oil.

An oily red skin needs an astringent; add a few drops of toilet vinegar to the wash water.

For a red, oily nose anoint several times a day with a little diluted alcohol or witch hazel.

The use of glycerine on the face does not cause the growth of hair.

Cracks at the corners of the month are sometimes an indication of stomach disorders.

Unless there is some actual disease of the scalp, there is no better remedy for dandruff than massage of the scalp.

The use of witch hazel in moderation on the face is not harmful. It is a vegetable astringent.

In using an orange stick for the nails it is a good plan to wrap a bit of cotton batting about the tip of the stick, as this retains the water, and the stick can be used for some time without dipping it in water.

People with poor digestion should drink no water with the meals, but take a glassful half an hour before and drink plentifully an hour or so after each meal.

For bleeding at the nose try holding both arms above the head; if this does not prove efficacious, apply ice cold water to the forehead and face.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Nov. 2, 1904

Upon the application of Horatio W. Pharo, Executor of Mary N. Merritt, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Testamentary upon the estate of deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(SEAL)

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the second day of November A. D. 1904, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Executor on or before the second day of November 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

HORATIO W. PHARO, Executor.

Address, Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Delaware.

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PASS	PASS.	EXP.	PASS	MAIL	MAIL	EXP			X	MAIL.	PAS	PASS	MAIL	PASS	PASS	EXP	
83	85	89	21	91	93	97	STATIONS.		82	86	90	92	84	94	96		
A.M.	A.M	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A.M	A.M.	A.M.	A.M	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.		
‖ 5.50	‖ 7 40	‖ 10.16	‖ 2 05	‖ 5 01	5 58	‖ 11 05	Philadelphia		9.10	9 4	10.5	12 4	6.32	5.4	5.42		
..	‖ 5.00	‖ 6.55	12.01	12.35	‖ 1.00	‖ 6.50	Washington		7.40	11.3.	1.20	1.42	6.10	8.15	9.44		
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